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LETTER DATED 12 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 3 to 7 August 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of provocation and surveillance.

3 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Ayn Zalah, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 87 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

- At 1340 hours on 3 August 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m. After overflying Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, the area south of Najaf and the area south of Diwaniyah, it left at 1515 hours, proceeding in the direction of Hafr al-Batin in Saudi Arabian airspace.

4 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,500-8,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Amarah, Artawi, Khidr, Busayyah and Samawah.

5 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 89 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Shatrah, Salman, Shinafiyah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

6 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Rawandoz.

(b) Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,500 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Jalibah, Samawah, Lasaf, Hamzah, Shinafiyah and Ushbayjah.

7 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 83 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman, the area south of Najaf, Shatrah and Ushbayjah.

- At 1225 hours on 7 August 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m. After overflying Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, the area south of Diwaniyah, the area south of Najaf and Shatrah, it left at 1505 hours, proceeding in the direction of Hafr al-Batin in Saudi Arabian airspace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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